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## ROCHESTER MAN SENTENED TO 15 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Planned to Create Still Images and Videos of a 12-Year-Old Girl

ALBANY, NEW YORK – JASON FRANK, age 27, of Rochester, New York, was sentenced to fifteen (15) years of imprisonment for attempted production of child pornography on November 27, 2013 in Albany by Chief United States District Court Judge Gary L. Sharpe, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Joseph D'Amico, Superintendent of the New York State Police. FRANK, who had entered a guilty plea on August 8, 2013, was also ordered to serve a 10-year term of supervised release, to have no unsupervised contact with minors, and to register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program.

In February 2013, FRANK began chatting online with an undercover New York State Police officer posing as a twelve-year-old girl in Albany, New York. Over approximately two months, FRANK sent the undercover officer still images and videos of child pornography in an effort to convince her to meet with him at a Syracuse hotel so that he could have sex with her and film it. On April 9, 2013, FRANK arrived at a hotel in Syracuse expecting to meet the girl and to create child pornography, but he was arrested by the New York State Police. At the time of FRANK's arrest, he possessed a digital camera with video recording capabilities and a thumb drive that contained still images and videos of child pornography.

This case was investigated by the New York State Police.